Monitoring of ongoing Projects

521. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEMs) were filed between August, 1991 and May, 1995 indicating proposed investment/letters of intent filed, with potential employment likely to be generated;

(b) whether Indian Industry have no hurdles at present for going globally competitive; and

(c) whether Government propose to monitor implementation of ongoing projects on an individual basis in all States and have called for up-to-date status of these proposals for which entrepreneurs have taken effective steps as reported in the 'Financial Express' dated 16th July, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Between August, 1991 to May, 1995 a total of 19793 IEMs with a proposed investments of Rs. 3,94,253 Crores have been filed. Besides a total of 2,046 Letters of Intent (LOIs) with proposed employment for 3,98,516 persons have been granted during this period.

(b) The thrust of New Industrial Policy has been to enable entrepreneurs to take investment decisions based on their own commercial perceptions with a greatly reduced role of the Government. Under the current economic reforms, various measures have already been taken to enable the domestic industry attain international competitiveness.

(c) Government have emphasised the need for greater focus on monitoring system specifically related to implementation of IEMs, particularly for those proposals for which entrepreneurs have taken active interest and effective steps.

Vanaspati plants in Gujarat

522. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Vanaspati Plants set up in Gujarat at present;

(b) whether Government propose to set up some more Vanaspati Plants in the State in near future;

(c) if so, the names of the places where these Plants are proposed to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As per information available in the Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fats, Government of India, total number of Vanaspati Plants set up in Gujarat State at present is eleven.

(b) to (d) Vanaspati and vegetable oil industries have been de-licenced since 24th July, 1991. As such, no industrial licence is required for setting up of vanaspati plant under the provisions of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, and Government has no proposal to set up more Vanaspati plants in the State.

Industry-Oriented Research by CSIR

523. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Director-General of CSIR would like to give more emphasis on Industry-Oriented Research for C.S.I.R. Laboratories;

(b) whether it is a fact that similar debate was raised in early seventies;

(c) if so, why C.S.I.R. took so many years to realize the need of the country;

(d) whether C.S.I.R. can enforce a financial self-supporting mechanism on equal footing in view of the existing disparity within National Laboratories

and Regional Laboratories over the last two decades; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures the C.S.I.R. propose to take on such issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The new Director-General, CSIR has decided to give further impetus to industry-oriented research, which has been the mandate of CSIR since inception, with a view to assisting the Indian industry to meet the challenges of global competitiveness in the changed economic scenario.

(b) and (c) CSIR has performed its assigned role in consonance with national needs, priorities and government policies in vogue from time to time. Since in early seventies, the emphasis was on technological self-reliance and import substitution by industry, CSIR's efforts were directed towards developing technologies for industry to manufacture indigenously items that were then being imported such as, agro chemicals tractors, glass and ceramics, food articles etc. The new ecnomic policies of the government have enjoined upon CSIR a different role, not only in becoming self-sustaining but also helping the Indian industry to figure prominently on the global economic scene. CSIR efforts are, therefore, directed to meet this end.

(d) and (e) It is true that the earning capacity of the laboratories differs depending upon their S&T specialisation. The emphasis will remain on generating more financial resources externally by each laboratory so as to reduce their dependence on governemnt funding by evolving suitable mechanisms.

Non-payment of wages to employees of Jessop Co.

524. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the six thousand workers and employees of the Jessop Company in West Bengal, a taken over Central Government Undertaking, have not been paid salaries and wages since March last;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this case has been referred to BIFR;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company has been denied working capital by all nationalised banks and public sector financial institutions;

(d) if so, whether Government have since made a case study thereof;

(e) if so, the results thereof; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take for the speedy revival of the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The employees of Jessop & Co. have been paid wages & salary upto May '95.

(b) Jessop & Co. Ltd. has been referred to BIFR.

(c) to (f) The Company have been incurring losses for the last three years. The cash credit account of the company has become irregular. As a result, the company is unable to obtain additional working capital from the consortium of banks. BIFR has appointed SBI as the Operating Agency. The future of Jessop & Co. will be dependent on the decision of BIFR.

Loss of Lives Due to Malaria

525. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people